

### **Amendments to the Specification:**

Please amend page 1, beginning on line 1 as follows:

~~Description~~ A METHOD AND DEVICE FOR THE SURFACE TREATMENT OF A METAL SUBSTRATE, AND CORRESPONDING PRODUCT

#### **Background of the Invention**

Please amend page 4, beginning on line 13 as follows:

~~???~~~~extenders~~, extenders, lubricants and possible pigments and organic additives.

Listed below are the types of coatings currently used:

- undercoats and ~~???~~~~anchoring~~ anchoring agents;

Please amend page 5, line 25 as follows:

- correct ~~???~~~~quantity~~ quantity in grams per unit surface and

Please add the following heading on page 7, line 8 as follows:

#### **Detailed Description of Preferred Embodiments**

Please insert the Abstract page into the application as the last page thereof.

#### **Abstract**

A method for the surface treatment of a metal substrate, whether previously painted or not, in particular for decorated containers and for decorated containers and for the packaging of foodstuffs consists in applying, using an electrode, an electrical discharge having a voltage of between 17,000 V and 49,000 V and a frequency of between 18 kHz and 24 kHz on the surface of the metal substrate.